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**(Superintendent,**  
**Sheldon**  
**Jackson**  
**School)**  
**1942-1943**

August 18, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Friend Les:

Returning from six weeks out of the office I found your letter of June 23rd in which you raise the question about the amount of money that you were to receive from the collection from the Princeton-Hall. I am sorry there has been any misunderstanding. Here is the picture.

Back in April the Board passed a resolution that Sheldon Jackson School was to receive a refund of \$2300. from the money that was collected from the Government for the Princeton-Hall. This action was taken in my absence and I knew nothing about it until I read it in the reported minutes of the Board. I take it that Miss Voss made this recommendation in lieu of any of the figures that you had submitted to me in your letter. That is where the \$2300 item comes in.

Now in regard to the figures that you give making a total asked for as returned to Sheldon Jackson of \$1344.25. Let me submit some figures to you. The total amount of monies that we received from all sources amounted to a little less than \$27,000. The total amount of money that the Government is to pay is \$29, 172. You can see that that would leave a difference of \$2,172. I am sure that you do not think it would be fair to penalize the donors by transferring the money given for the Princeton-Hall to build or equip another boat. Accordingly I feel that the fair and just thing in face of all of our figures would be to refund Sheldon Jackson the total amount of \$2300. In so doing we would take all monies over and above what has actually been received for the building of the Princeton-Hall with a little additional and turn that over to you. I know full well that you will need additional money to that which you have asked for in the construction of your new boat. Rather than to try to take the money from the Princeton-Hall Fund, I feel that it would be wiser to try to secure it from other sources. You can depend on my help in whatever way possible to get what additional money you are in need of for the completion of the new boat.

In view of the figures I have offered you what do you think about the final settlement's being \$2300. I wish that it could be more but I think you understand what I am trying to do.

Cordially yours,

# Sheldon Jackson School

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

September 1, 1942

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 18. Under the circumstances as you outline them, I think it best that we accept the \$2300 as you offer, for we have been counting definitely on that amount in the budget set up for our new workboat.

We do not accept this figure of \$2300 as the total for all the S. J. S. work and material which we poured into the building of the Princeton-Hall. I think your records should give our school credit for a much larger figure, at least \$4344.25 as given in our letter of June 23. This would leave us on the list of donors in the approximate amount of \$2000, that is the difference between the \$2300 which is to be returned to Sheldon Jackson School now and this minimum figure of \$4344.25. I know that you may have difficulty in reconciling this with your records but I do feel that you should give Sheldon Jackson School more credit than the \$2300.

As you know, I feel that the Government is to pay too little for the Princeton-Hall. I also feel that our estimates as given in the letter of June 23 are low, especially with the 15% reduction which we were quite willing to take on all but three items as listed in our letter of June 23. So for the additional approximate \$2000, I think you should treat S. J. S. the same as other donors.

In your letter you give the total amount of monies received from all sources a little less than \$27,000. We worked on a budget of \$22,000 for the actual construction, to which should be added the \$1900 for the architect, making a total of \$23,900. So did you not have \$3100 balance there, and is there not a sizeable portion of this left over from the construction of the Princeton-Hall?

I think your plan to keep the money for the Princeton-Hall intact is splendid. What is your idea regarding the possible purchase

Dr. Everett B. King - 2

of the vessel back from the Navy when the war is over? So far as I can determine, the Princeton-Hall is in good hands as long as Capt. Sievertson is her skipper, so I think we might keep watching and in case an opportunity affords I think it would be a possibility for us to buy the Princeton-Hall back, providing of course that she is not a wreck. In this event I feel certain that the purchase price would be very considerably under the \$29,172 which the government is to pay now. In this eventuality, would it be possible to grant the Unit of Education and Medical work a further \$2000 in recognition for its large part in the building of the Princeton-Hall. So you see we are asking in effect for two things beyond the \$2300 now - first for recognition for a much larger part in the Princeton-Hall construction, and second, for a possible eventual return to the Unit of Education and Medical Work of an additional \$2000. Of course if a new vessel is eventually constructed, then I feel sure that there will be no further thought of any additional funds being turned over to our Unit.

*I thought all  
the students labor  
etc would be done  
in order to make the  
project a truly  
useless "new" project*

Sincerely

*Leslie*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

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September 1, 1942

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

No doubt you know that Walter Soboleff has been down on the West Coast combining a fishing and preaching mission. Have you had a report from him on the Craig-Klawock field? I have not seen him but after his recent experience down there and with all his knowledge and experience in our Presbytery he should be able to give an accurate picture of the Craig-Klawock field.

Sincerely

*Leslie*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

September 22, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Thanks for your good letter of September 1st. According to your statement we are setting aside \$2,300. in the Princeton-Hall Fund, and if and when we receive the check from the Government, that money will be available at your call.

There is no thought in our minds of placing \$2300 as the total of all the S. J. S. work and material which was poured into the building of the Princeton-Hall. The fact of the matter is that according to all of the information that we have released here in the office, the large bulk of the work and material together with the time and trouble has been credited to S. J. S. All of this, however, has been announced as donations by the school and has gone a long way in stimulating the giving of the people here in the States.

I shall be more than glad to comply with your final plan in the settlement if and when the Princeton-Hall is replaced or when we buy it back from the Government. I shall keep in mind your request for the additional \$2,000.

Things are so uncertain and everything is so indefinite that we cannot now commit ourselves. You have always manifested such a great spirit that I do not have any question in my mind but that we can and will come to the end with a happy and satisfactory agreement.

Cordially yours,

BBK:McE

September 25, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. " . Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

I am not at all sure in my own mind that Bily is the right man for the work in Sitka. I am sure that he has ability and that in time, he is going to develop into an excellent leader. However, I raise a serious question in my mind as to whether or not he is doing the type of work in Sitka that needs to be done. I am, therefore, suggesting that we make an exchange by sending Bily to Ketchikan and the Halls from Ketchikan to Sitka. From all that I can determine I believe that such a transfer would be a wholesome thing for the work as well as for the men involved.

I would not like to have this matter broadcasted because it might cause more trouble than we could correct. However, I would appreciate it very greatly if you would talk quietly to some of the leaders in the church and then wire me your recommendation. If the transfer is to be made I am very anxious that it be done as soon after October 1st as possible. I would like to include the expenses in this year's budget.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

October 1, 1942

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for sending me the September issue of the Pacific Motor Boat.

It was good to see the picture of the "Princeton-Hall" and to read the fine write-up.

There is a possibility that I may be sent to Alaska for a period of three months under our War Time Commission. The plan would be for me to visit the fields and to spend some three weeks at each place, preaching in the local church and making contacts with the soldier boys.

What do you think of such a plan? Please let me have your reaction.

Cordially yours,

EEK:MR

Air mail

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

October 7, 1942

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Your splendid letter of September 22 warms my heart all over again, for we are now in complete agreement concerning the Princeton-Hall. I have felt all along that had a good conference hour been possible we would have understood each other before now. Thank you sincerely.

Have the funds for the Princeton-Hall been received? Miss Voss has just sent the grand bit of news that the Government check for the SJS has turned up in the Treasurer's office. We are busy now in final preparations for the building of our new workboat. The materials are coming in and the keel will be laid later this month. Then after six months of construction this new boat should be available for the needs of our school and Presbytery. In about another three or four months we will need the \$2300 from the Princeton Hall fund, so we are trusting that the Government check for that will not be delayed much longer.

Very sincerely



LY:h

Excerpt from letter-Mr. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent, Sitka, Alaska  
Oct. 7, 1942

S. J. S. continues to help in the national war effort where we can. Down in our small boat shop in the Sage Building eight 12-foot semi-V-bottom rowboats are being turned out mass production style. The eight stems are in one small pile, the transoms in another, and a stack of sawed frames in another. All of these parts are being quickly assembled in answer to an urgent call from the Naval Air Station. During the summer literally hundreds of army boys enjoyed playing the game of softball on our campus. It really was a wonderful form of recreation for them. Now the men are practicing basketball five nights each week in our big gym. There are twenty teams in the Army League. Two classrooms in the Sage Building are being used again this year for a surplus of youngsters from the Territorial School due to the large number of defense workers. This will be necessary until some time in January when a fine new school building in town is scheduled to be completed. The army is continuing its storage of certain supplies and materials in several storage rooms about the campus. Here in our school life we are organized for alerts and endeavor to follow closely the regulations pertaining to nightly dimouts and early morning blackouts.

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October 8, 1948

Everett B. King  
 Board of National Missions  
 156 Fifth Ave.  
 New York, N. Y.

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Leslie Vaw

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

October 9, 1942

AIRMAIL

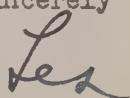
Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Enclosed is confirmation of the telegram sent you under date of October 8th following the receipt of your letter dated September 25, raising the question of transferring Arthur Bily to Ketchikan and moving the Halls here.

To us here at Sitka this move would not be opportune now, for we feel that Arthur Bily having been sent here should be given a longer time to prove himself. He is doing a splendid ministry in many ways. His lack of experience before coming here has been his greatest handicap. Little by little we feel that he is growing into his job and that as he gains a background of experience he will become more valuable in the work of this field. Arthur Bily preaches a splendid sermon right from his heart. He has many friends in Sitka among the Indian people, White population, army boys, and Sheldon Jackson School. He has a strong will and a strong mind of his own, making it a little difficult to offer suggestions, yet I have confidence that as time goes on he will build a stronger church out of his growing experience. Personally I hope you can decide to leave him here for a longer period. In writing him I don't know that anything can be done, but ~~there~~ is a feeling here that Mrs. Bily might be of more help and assistance to him by taking a more active part in the church program. There is also a feeling that Mr. Bily could give more leadership in guiding and directing the elected church officers, as well as in doing more home visitation.

Sincerely



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SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL  
Sitka, Alaska

October 7, 1942

Dear Friends:

In the providence of God Sheldon Jackson School opened its new school year on September 10. Sitka came through the summer without suffering an attack from our unfriendly neighbor across the Pacific, and we were advised by local military authorities that we should continue. On the opening day there were but thirty students present and four teachers had not arrived. It was to be a full month later before our full school family could be assembled due to transportation difficulties. On that first morning, although we were but a small group, we had a fine chapel service and set as our watchwords for the year "Be strong - follow Christ." Since that day all of our students and three of the missing teachers have arrived. There is an earnestness of endeavor in evidence on the part of all who are here. So after our rather slow beginning we are trusting that the results for the year will be good and that we may continue on through to commencement day next May with a wholehearted spirit on the part of all.

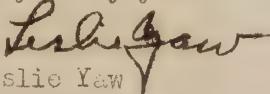
We want to tell you about our success in undertaking a new boat building project. Ever since the Navy requisitioned the Princeton-Hall and the SJS last January, we have been "sitting on the beach", practically helpless to do anything about transportation to help our students, to help Presbytery, or to help the Young People's Summer Conference. We have needed a boat too for logging, fishing, hunting, missionary, basketball and other trips, all of which must be made by boat. In the late spring the Board approved building a new workboat this year, provided that the Government funds would be in hand in payment for the old SJS. Having faith that these funds would be secured Andrew Hope and his boat shop were reserved, a long correspondence relating to a priorities rating, and procurement of needed materials was undertaken, and in our own sawmill we cut the spruce planking, lining and a number of deck beams, all at the end of our last school year. In June a deposit was made on a new engine, delivery of which is not expected until January 1, 1943. Other materials - the keel, keelson, decking, fir for building the stern, oak frames, and iron bark for trim, also the necessary nails, bolts and hardware, were all ordered in the month of July. First deliveries of these materials are beginning to reach Sitka, and now in a recent letter from Miss Voss comes a grand bit of news, that the Government has sent the Board the check for the old SJS. Barring unforeseen difficulties, we will have our own boat again next spring. The laying of the keel is scheduled sometime late in October and construction will take six months. The new boat is to be 56 feet in length and will be somewhat larger than the old SJS, although being of a seine boat type it will be very similar. In checking with Government officials we are assured that our new vessel will not be

requisitioned when completed, for the Navy is now getting delivery of small boats built to its specifications and the emergency of last January no longer exists.

S. J. S. continues to help in the national war effort where we can. Down in our small boat shop in the Sage Building eight 12-foot semi-V-bottom rowboats are being turned out mass production style. The eight stems are in one small pile, the transoms in another, and a stack of sawed frames in another. All of these parts are being quickly assembled in answer to an urgent call from the Naval Air Station. During the summer literally hundreds of army boys enjoyed playing the game of softball on our campus. It really was a wonderful form of recreation for them. Now the men are practicing basketball five nights each week in our big gym. There are twenty teams in the Army League. Two classrooms in the Sage Building are being used again this year for a surplus of youngsters from the Territorial School due to the large number of defense workers. This will be necessary until some time in January when a fine new school building in town is scheduled to be completed. The Army is continuing its storage of certain supplies and materials in several storage rooms about the campus. Here in our school life we are organized for alerts and endeavor to follow closely the regulations pertaining to nightly dimouts and early morning blackouts.

All of us at S. J. S. feel that we have many, many blessings - good food, full oil storages for the year, electric lights, good books, plenty of rain-washed air, and many another good thing. Those who are here have a spiritual vision and determination to pursue the goal of Christian education. All who are here want to be here and live in daily appreciation for the good gift of our school. Please continue your prayers for us. It is strengthening to know and feel your deep interest. Let there be no lowering of Christ's banner, no flickering of His glorious light, due to any failure on the part of any one of us in these woeful days of Global war. Rather let us each one hold His banner a little higher, feed His torch a little more generously, give of time and substance with renewed faith and devotion in order that His way may yet triumph and that the people of this earth may all know and cherish the glorious freedom which is Christ Jesus.

Very truly yours

  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

October 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Law  
Shelton Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$450., the amount of money which was promised for the soldier equipment. I hope that this check is not coming to you too late.

When the money has been spent, I shall trust you to send me a written report in order that I may submit it to our Church and Camp Activities Committee.

If you can send me a good article on what Shelton Jackson School is doing for the soldier boys, I shall appreciate it very much.

Cordially yours,

LMK:NCL

# Sheldon Jackson School

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

October 23, 1942

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Your letter of the 1st reached me this morning. I'll answer by Airmail. Should the plans materialize with the War Time Commission for you to come to Alaska, I think you could do a splendid work for the Kingdom in this time of great need. All the churches in the two Presbyteries would welcome you and there would be many opportunities for services with the men of the armed forces. Charlain Culpepper at Anchorage would probably be the best representative of the Government to check with as to schedule. He now has all other Alaska Chaplains under his direction. Chaplain Meyers here at Fort Ray thinks that there would be a fine opportunity to reach the men here over the local radio. S. J. S and Sitka First would surely like you. Our people all need you and S. J. S as you interpret him to us.

Many thanks for your big check. I will report fully as to its use later. This morning a fine girl here in school was made most happy as she received a ten dollar gift from you. She has a real need for clothes particularly. So far I have not had reports from other supervisors but there are other needs, I'm sure.

We are busy with the new boat project. The keel will be laid next week. Have had no report of the Princeton-Hall for some time.

Sincerely,

*Les*

# Sheldon Jackson School

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

November 23, 1942

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

You will be wanting to know more about our use of the big check which you sent us with your letter of October 1st. To date we have used only half of it. \$10 went to Florence Grant, \$10 to Mabel Swift, and \$5. to Adelaide Bartness. Please find letters from each of these girls enclosed, together with their list showing how they used the money. At Christmas time I think we will be using the balance of your generous gift to help other students.

What is happening to your plan for coming to Alaska? Chaplain Myers, Rev. Billy and I feel that the \$250 which you sent us under date of October 19th should be expended for religious books and magazines for the soldier boys. A fund in excess of \$3000 is available for athletic equipment and the like, but the Chaplain tells us that there are very few religious books in the Service men's library. We have sent an order for quite a number of books to the Westminster Press in Los Angeles. We are paying for three subscriptions to CHRISTIAN CENTURY, and two each for the PRESBYTERIAN TRIBUNE and THE PRESBYTERIAN, also one for CHRISTIAN HERALD. In due time we hope to have receipted bills to send in with a written report. I am sorry not to have a good article on the soldier boys available. We are continuing the athletic program. They come out to practice basketball five nights each week in our gym. Last Saturday evening our S. J. S. boys played one of the army teams in a very close and very interesting first game of the season with a score 36-34. Our boys happened to be ahead when the whistle blew.

Andrew Hope is setting up the stem on the new boat job this week. Little by little that workboat is destined to take form and shape during these winter months. We are going to be awfully lucky if we get all of our metal materials to complete the job. However, we have all of the wood and most of the fastenings. Under the classification of a commercial fishing boat, we are hoping to be able to complete our job, and our chances are favorable.

Sincerely

LY:h

Leslie Yaw

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Sitka

STUDENT OFFICERS  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

December 7, 1942

Dr. C. N. Wonacott  
Treasurer, Board of National Missions  
New York City, New York

My dear Dr. Wonacott:

Last month in one of our Student Officers meetings, the Board's need of contributions for the Regular Budget was presented, as outlined in a letter received from Miss Voss. Immediately we decided that we would like to do something. One suggestion was to have a program to raise funds.

After long discussion, we decided to hold a Christmas Bazaar instead of a program. As the idea grew, we decided to invite the church to help us, and together we worked it out.

The Bazaar was successful and the net proceeds (\$662.64) are being mailed today, as our gift for the Regular Budget, from Sheldon Jackson School and the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka, this Christmas.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Daphne Morlander  
Martha Holdane  
Susanne Gregoroff  
Ellen Hope  
Cynt George  
Edward Verney  
Lawrence Widmark

Lealie Yaw, Supt.



Dec. 9, 1942

D. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett:

Many thanks for your kind thought  
in sending "A Diary of Private Prayers" and  
"We Are At War. The Getten address is especially  
good for circulation in litha. Those  
Baillie prayers do add to strength.

It was fun to work with S.T.S. students  
and Arthur Bily on the Christmas Bazaar  
here. We hope to have a larger Bazaar next year.  
Art Bily promised to write you about this year's  
effort. I sent the School and litha First and  
Dr. Monacott \$662<sup>64</sup> for the Regular Budget.

Last week we buried Elder Martin  
Thompson faithful charter member of our  
church. Mrs. Thompson brought \$100<sup>00</sup> for  
our Church Building Fund - a promise  
made her husband on his deathbed in  
January. If you would write her she  
would be delighted. She talked about you  
at home while at dinner with us last  
Sunday. Among other things she told of an  
outboard motor with the name King on it.  
In starting it her husband would often  
get it all ready and then say "Now Mr. King  
you go!" You entered the hearts of our people  
out here. I hope you can make the trip

Again early in 1943.

Does Art Bill get his reports in on time now? We continue patient efforts to aid him in his development. He is growing on the job.

All are well at my house. Nancy is expecting her Mother to get her a baby brother very soon now.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely  
Les

December 11, 1942

AIR MAIL

Mr. Leslie Yaw, Supt.,  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for sending me an accounting of my gift. It has warmed my heart to know that I have been able to be of some help to the three people you have named. I appreciate your sending the letters to me from these three girls.

Since there has been a change in the expenditure of the \$250.00 that was granted by the Church and Camp Activities Committee of our War Time Service, I think it would be quite wise for you to write Rev. Walter Getty, Rutherford Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of this committee, and give him an accounting.

I think you have acted wisely in shifting the money from a gift sent to books and magazines, but this is a matter that should be cleared with the Church and Camp Activities Committee.

I rejoice in the knowledge that Rev. George is beginning to work on a new boat. You may know that I shall watch every move with a great deal of interest.

Cordially yours,

ZMK/mk

Again early in 1943.

Does Art Bily get his reports in on time now? We continue patient efforts to aid him in his development. He is growing on the job.

All are well at my house. Mary is expecting her Mother to get her a baby brother very soon now.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely  
Les.

December 20, 1972

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

I have received the treasurer's receipt for the \$632.61 that was sent in from Sheldon Jackson School and the First Presbyterian Church jointly for the regular budget. This certainly is a gift to be proud of, and it has thrilled my heart more than I can ever express in words.

I am sorry to learn of the death of Elder Thompson. I am today writing to Mrs. Thompson expressing to her my sympathy.

I am glad that I have entered the hearts of the people in the territory for I can assure you that the people have certainly entered my heart. I have arranged for a large place in my heart for them.

Art Billy is doing better with his reports, but there is still a great deal of room for improvement. I am glad to note what you say about him growing into his work.

I am delighted to know that Fancy is expecting her mother to get her a baby brother very soon. You may know that I shall be thinking about you folks and shall be praying that everything will work out in the wonderful way. Give my love to all the family and be sure that I am hoping for you folks a Happy New Year.

I am still working and trying to arrange to make my trip to Alaska sometime during 1943, possibly leaving here the last of March, or the first of April.

Confidentially yours,

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# Sheldon Jackson School

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

December 30, 1942

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Attached please find copy of report on the Princeton Hall as written by Elmer Lindstrom. Also attached is Commander H. W. Hall's original letter of transmittal. Having heard of this particular day's work of the good ship which we all worked so hard to bring into being, I phoned Commander Hall requesting a story for publicity. This is his release. I do not know Skipper Lindstrom except by reputation which is in keeping with his report. "OUR SHIP" is in good hands with him at the helm. The final paragraph of his report simply states what happened. We give him full credit.

So the trim little ship is serving. We are always proud of her and shall continue to follow her fortunes with close interest.

A copy of the report is going to Miss Voas' office but with a request that a check be made with you before using it for any publicity.

Sincerely,

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

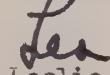
January 2, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Attached is copy of a letter we are sending to  
Miss Voss today. I think you will be interested to have  
the information regarding the plans we are making.

Very truly yours

  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h  
Enc.

January 2, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Edna R. Voss  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

This year Sheldon Jackson School is planning to send out a combination missionary and basketball group. As scheduled this trip gets under way on the 19th of February and is due to be completed by March 8. Rev. Billy, John Holic, and ten of our older boys will make the trip on the VALOUR, a fine seine boat belonging to the father of one of our Senior boys. As in other years when it has been possible to send our fellows out, they will not only play basketball but will also conduct services in our Church in the villages visited. With Rev. Billy along it is going to be possible to have him bring the work of the local churches right up to date in the lay worker fields, namely Angoon, Kake, and Petersburg. As in other years we expect receipts from the basketball games to bear all expenses of the trip, so there is to be no cost against the S. J. S. budget nor against the Presbytery of Alaska.

We are really happy to be working out these plans and do trust that they will materialize all for the glory of our School and Church.

Very truly yours

Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h

cc to Dr. King

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January 6, 1943

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

No report received air mail me more information.

Everett B. King

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

January 7, 1943

AIR MAIL

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

On January 5th we sent you a telegram asking for the return of the Princeton-Hall report. This is an unfortunate development here through no fault of Sheldon Jackson School and we are not held accountable. However, I am urged to have every copy made returned here, and so I must report eventually. Thank you sincerely for the early return of the Princeton-Hall report.

Very truly yours

*Les*

LY:h

*\* mailed Dec. 30, 1942*

January 15, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Enclosed I am returning to you the material that you asked for relative to the Princeton Hall. I am exceedingly sorry that it is not possible for us to use this for publicity. It certainly does tell a good story about the sturdy Princeton Hall boat, but orders are orders, and I am abiding by your request.

Cordially yours,

BBK/mk

enc  
P.H. Report

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

January 22, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Ever since receiving your letter of December 11 I have been wanting to send you a further accounting of your \$50 gift.

At Christmas time the unreported balance of \$25.00 was given to two sisters, Susanne and Lila Gregorioff. Yesterday Lila brought her letter which she had written to you and which we are enclosing. I learned that Susanne has written you a letter and mailed it direct. These two sisters are worthy of the special help and I am sure that they are making excellent use of it. They come from a rather large family and are half orphans. So this gives you now a complete report of the fine gift you made to help our students.

At this writing I must report that we are not having too much success in spending the Service men's fund which was granted by the Church and Camp Activities Committee. Only a few of the initial order of books have been received and when we pay the bill it will total only a little over \$30.00. Chaplain Myers still reports that he would like to receive more religious books. I wonder if you would help us by placing an order for titles which you feel the men would read. Those books ordered here are:

PRAYER - George F. Buttrick  
SIX KINGS OF THE AMERICAN PULPIT - MacCartney  
MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING \* - Joseph Sizoo  
GET THEE BEHIND ME SATAN - Spence  
RELIGION AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW - Van Kirk  
BY THIS SIGN CONQUER - Oxnom  
THE PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - Lewis  
A BASIS FOR PEACE TO COME - McConnell, Diller Paton, Posvolsky,  
Ho Shih, Hambro  
THE PROBLEMS OF LASTING PEACE - Hoover & Gibson  
A SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE - Patton

Dr. Everett B. King - 2

RETURN TO RELIGION  
HAZEN BOOKS - Complete Set  
ON GUARD  
STRENGTH FOR SERVICE  
THINKING ALOUD IN WAR TIME  
THIS IS THE VICTORY  
VICTORIOUS LIVING  
ABUNDANT LIVING

Sincerely



LY:h

Feb. 27, 1943

Dear Everett:

You were right in your last note - "This is good."

Dr. Bonnell's message which you so thoughtfully sent is indeed food for thought and good for the road. Several students and fellow staff members have read it, too. Florence Grant is always asking for news of you and was happy to read your note & all of the sermon.

Our Ambassadors are out with Arthur Biley & John Holic leading them. So far the news has all been good. They left here Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> to follow this schedule:

Feb. 20	Hake	basketball (won 42-24)
" 21	"	Church services
" 22	Petersburg	Evening program in church
" 23	"	basketball (beautiful, fast game S.J.S. 33 P. 28)
" 24	Wrangell	Evening program in church
" 25	"	Doubleheader BB (Wrangell High 39 S.J.S. 46)
" 26	Metlakatla	Evening program " Institute 30 S.J.S. 40)
" 27	"	Basketball (tonite)
" 28	"	Morning service
Mar. 1	Ketchikan	Evening "
	Metlakatla	Basketball
" 2	"	" (?)
" 4	Angoon	Evening service
" 5	Homer	

& a grand reception from all.

Please let me know of Arthur Biley's reports especially as concerned with Hake, Petersburg, and Angoon. The burden of bringing our churches right up to date in these places rested on him - communion, session meetings, etc. He agreed to get reports to you before returning (except Angoon).

Are you coming out? We are hoping for good news.

Slowly accumulating vouchers on Seminarian Fund.  
Sent check in amount of \$30<sup>00</sup> to Chaplain Fund,  
Sitha Naval Air Station this morning. Chaplain Wright  
used this for "Strength For Service to God & Country"  
for the Navy men. Books for Seminarian's Library are  
still arriving.

all are well at S.T.S. My "Christmas Package" is  
coming along fine.

The hull of the new boat is nearly planked. Now  
waiting on engine delivery. Ordered last July  
for January it is not here yet - and now doubtful.  
Since we need salmon Larry Freeburn is going to be  
strong support. Have winch, fuel tanks, anchors,  
seine table, and all other gear. Now prayers are needed  
too that power plant, and we are going to do all  
possible to make them come true.

Glorious sunshine today. With only best wishes.

Sincerely  
Lea

March 8, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Thank you for your good letter of February 27. I have made a copy of the first paragraph and sent it to Dr. Bonnell. I am sure that he will be interested in receiving Ahgogood report. I have not yet heard from Arthur Bily regarding reports from various churches visited. I am looking forward to that report.

I do not know yet about my visit to Alaska. I am still hopeful and some days I think it will work out, but then the bottom drops out and all the plans fade away. It is uncertain.

Thanks for the good report about the new boat. I hope that the difficulties do not overcome the progress.

Give my love to the family.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

March 17, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

No doubt you will recall having met Edward Verney on your visits here on the Sheldon Jackson campus. In his Sophomore year Edward was considering dedicating his life to the Christian ministry. We talked to him several times that year, also sent a letter to his folks at the end of the school year on the subject of helping Edward through the summer months. Edward came back that fall with his personal decision made and with the enthusiastic support of his parents. Edward has been steadfast in his purpose ever since. Now he has registered for the draft and the chances are that he will shortly be taken into the Army.

Chaplain Myers, one of the local Army men, raised a question with me the other day. He asked what our Church is doing in the way of training young men for the ministry. I answered that as far as I knew our Church as an organized body was not seeking deferment for young boys about to embark on the definite course leading to ordination for the ministry. The Chaplain countered that perhaps we should be doing something, for he is wondering what is to happen to our Churches with so many ministers being taken in as Chaplains. He also told me that the Catholic Church is active in securing the deferment of its young boys for church leadership training.

Recently I have talked with Edward Verney. He is perfectly willing to accept circumstances leading to his induction into the Army. However, he assures me that if the way were open he would like nothing better than to enter his training for the ministry next fall. We are seeking guidance. Can you help us?

Sincerely

Les

LY:h

Ed would like to enter Dubuque Ct.  
L.

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March 17, 1943

Airmail

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Just when I am thinking that your many duties in the States keep you from thinking of Alaska another right good letter comes along. Your Airmail letter of March 8th arrived late yesterday.

The Missionary Basket Ball Boys are back. They have given us good reports. Arthur Bily tells me that he sent in a partial report while out on the trip and now he is rounding out a complete story to send you. He promises me a copy. From letters, newspaper clippings (from towns visited), and the two services held here on the return of the fellows we feel that the effort was worthwhile--very much so. And Mr. Bromley up in Hoonah is happy in that he did not have to make a trip around by Kake and Angoon, which he says would have cost the Board about \$50.00. Receipts on the expedition sent out from here exceeded expenditures by \$52.00 which was turned in to our Activities Fund.

Uncle Bill continues to do his job in good style. He is faithful as Nightwatchman. We manage to give him enough church work to keep him interested with us in the full program. He says that he will continue on another year. This is a relief for it is good to go to bed at night and know that a good man is on the job. The other day an explosion in the home of an S. J. S. graduate of ten years ago resulted in her death from burns. Two small children were also burned to death. Arthur Bily had the sad funeral in our church yesterday. A third child is in our hospital where Miss Caswell is giving the best of care in an endeavor to save a fine little girl.

The new boat is coming along. Planking is practically finished. Deck beams are going in. A serious problem on procurement of the engine has just been ironed out. We are going ahead!

News of your trip is disappointing. Presbytery meets in Juneau April first as Mr. Swogger has no doubt sent you word. Could you not come flying in from Seattle? April would be a grand month and you would have all the men together in Juneau.

All in my family send greetings.

Sincerely,

*Les*

Juneau, Alaska  
March 22, 1943

Dear Everett:

What lies ahead for the Swasons of Hydaburg? Here is a letter which I feel moved to send you. Miss Whitmore has shared it with me and I have secured it from her to use without her knowing in what way. Mr. Swanson is doing good work. Verne may lack colors but he is faithful and he is established in the hearts of the Indian people. I do hope we can keep the Swasons in Presbyterian service.

Do you happen to know Charles Wesley Flint, now Methodist Bishop in the Syracuse area? He was my college president twenty-two years ago. I met him here for an hour one morning since - about 1934. Somehow he has heard of son Charles and writes in a note just received: "Dear Charles: - Welcome to this sizzling planet. You surely picked a glorious spot to begin your terrestrial career. Give my bestest congratulations to your proud parents; be patient with them. - Another Charles." His optimism brought a chuckle and a laugh. Sincerely, Les

March 24, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

I am still waiting for a report from Arthur Bily. He certainly moves slowly when it comes to sending in some information. As a result, one of his supporting churches has completely withdrawn all of its support. I wish the Alaskan men could realize how necessary and how important it is for them to send us information, and to keep their supporting churches informed with some occasional word from them.

I do not see any possible way for me to attend the meeting of the Presbytery in Juneau, although my heart will be present. Perhaps later on I can still make my trip. At least I am hopeful.

In regard to Edward Verney, I am more than delighted to hear the good word about his decision. Please say to him that I remember with pleasure my contacts and fellowship with him, and shall look forward to him making a real contribution to our Lord's Kingdom. I believe Edward will make such a man. The ruling of the Government is that all students who are engaged in pre-study for law, medicine, ministry, etc., are exempt if these courses could be completed by July 1945. That is the overall plan, but in the final analysis the rule is determined by the local draft board. My suggestion is that Edward be received under the care of the Presbytery at the April meeting and at that time declare his intention of entering Dubuque University in the Fall for the purpose of preparing himself for the Gospel Ministry. I believe that the local draft board in Alaska will appreciate the need for Indian workers, and that they will be willing to grant him the privilege of preparing himself for the work.

I do not know now how much help financially I could offer, but I am sure that if Edward needs some that I could and will be able to find a few dollars.

I trust that all of your family is well.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

April 2, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Yaw:

Dr. King is out of town on a field trip,  
and will not return to the office until  
about April 15. We will be glad to bring  
your letter of March 22, to his attention  
at that time.

Cordially yours,

HMK/mk

Secretary to Dr. King

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

4/3/43

Dear Everett:

I'm here in Juneau  
in Presbytery meeting with a  
fine group of consecrated  
servants of Christ. Without  
warning they elected me  
Moderator. Reluctant at first  
now - (after 2 days) my heart  
accepts and we are going  
forward for His glory.

Could you come out  
this Fall to lead a  
preaching mission? We feel  
that great work could be  
done and many souls  
won.

Faithfully  
Les

April 14, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Congratulations to you on being elected Moderator of the Presbytery! I think the Presbytery has made a wise selection. In fact, I do not know of anyone else in the Presbytery that is entitled to this honor anymore than you are.

I was greatly interested in your question about whether or not it would be possible for me to come out this fall to head a Preaching Mission. My answer is if there is any chance at all, you can count on me. I think such a Mission would do a great deal of good, and I would covet the opportunity of taking part in such a work.

Let me know what time you think the Mission should be conducted. I am quite sure that it would not be possible for me to be present until November. I might possibly arrange to spend the month of September.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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April 19, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for sharing with me the letter from Mrs. Swanson to Miss Whitmore. I, too, believe that the Swansons are fine folks and that they do work in a quiet way. In the letter I do not detect anything that might indicate that they were planning to leave Hydaburg. Perhaps you know some things that were not included in the letter.

I am returning the letter to you because you might have future need for it.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

enc.

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April 23, 1943

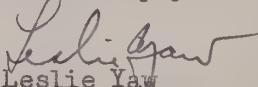
Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter going to Dr. Welch regarding Ed Verney. For the first year at Dubuque he will not need help on his expenses. Let us watch developments and follow his possible needs during future years.

This has been a week of supreme trial in the work at Sheldon Jackson School. However, on this Good Friday morning I am happy to tell you of a bit of good news. We have just come from a chapel service in which Miss Houk gave us a fine spiritual thought regarding the Cross and in which we followed on an announcement made on Monday morning of this week regarding a sacrificial offering. This offering amounted to exactly \$50.00, and is consecrated to the needs of the suffering people of Greece.

Faithfully yours

  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h  
Enc.

April 25, 1943

Dr. Dale D. Welch  
President, Duane University  
Duane, Iowa

Dear Dr. Welch:

We are writing regarding one of our seniors, Edward Verney, a 17-year old Tsimshian Indian boy whose home is in Metlakatla, Alaska. For some years Edward has had his life definitely consecrated to the Christian ministry. His purpose has been unfaltering through the last year in Sheldon Jackson School. He is now under the care of the Presbytery of Alaska and would like to make definite plans to enter Duane University this fall.

A letter from Edward is enclosed. May we hear from you by air mail in reply, as we are hoping to have an opportunity to check future plans with Edward before he leaves home on May 21. Since Edward will become eighteen years of age this fall, what help may we give him regarding deferments?

Faithfully yours

Weslie L.  
Superintendent

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L. L. L.

H. GRAHAM WILSON

Mr. George K. Wilson  
B. W. Wilson  
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April 26th, 1943

Rev. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Lest:

Thank you for your good letter of April 9, with the splendid information contained therein about our work in Alaska. First of all, let me answer your question about the possibility of my coming to Alaska next Fall to head a missionary team to make an extensive visit around in the churches.

I do not know of anything that makes a stronger appeal. Please let me know the time that you plan to make such a visit. Also give me the period of time that the visit would take. My thought is that you would probably want to make the visit in October and that it would cover a period of something like four or five weeks. If I am right in this supposition, I can at least give you a great deal of encouragement now to the effect that I will make all my plans to be there.

In regard to the Craig-Klawock field, I would like to see Rev. Bromley take over the field next year. However, I do not know his mind in regard to this. Some months ago he indicated that he might retire in the Fall. Do you have any additional information about that?

It was good news to hear about Andrew Gamble. I can see no reason why he cannot be appointed as the layworker for Angoon and then Sam Johnson can be transferred to Hoonah.

I am going to look foward to receiving the \$100 gift from Sam Johnson together with the story that he will tell. I am sure that it will be a good story.

My heart rejoiced in the good word that Presbytery had ordained George Betts. I wish that I could have been present and could have received some of the inspiration that must have come out of that act.

Thanks for sending the wood-burning heater to Kake. Like you, I feel that the people in Kake should give more financially to the support and to the work of the church than they do now. They are simply slow in their giving. Perhaps we can find some way to stimulate them.

Give my kindest regards to your family --

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

April 9, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Reluctant as I was to accept the office of Moderator at the outset of our recent meeting of Presbytery in Juneau, my heart has come to be in tune with His will and I want to assure you that it shall be my purpose throughout the year ahead to work with you and with the ministers and layworkers in our various churches in the fullest cooperation possible. So with this new development will you not feel free to make requests when you think that I may be able to help?

Would you find it possible to come out next fall to head a missionary team to make an extensive visit around in our churches? Since you were thinking of making a trip this year and that failed to develop I am hoping that the course of events will make such a trip possible this coming fall. I feel that there is a great need for an evangelization tour among our churches and that the time is ripe for the harvest. This trip could be made on our new Sheldon Jackson School boat now nearing completion and I would suggest a stop of from three to five days in each field.

*6 weeks*

No doubt the Stated Clerk will soon have a copy of the National Missions report in your hands. As I recall this did not bear a recommendation regarding the Craig-Klawock field. After leaving Hoonah on the return trip from Juneau with Sam Johnson on the GOOD TIDINGS a suggestion came to me that we ask Rev. Bromley to take the Craig-Klawock field next year, in which event Sam Johnson would accept the work at Hoonah. If this arrangement could be worked out there are several advantages as I see them. First, it would be a bit of recognition to Sam Johnson for the good work he has done in promoting Andrew Gamble as lay worker at Angoon. Then this plan would give ~~an ordained~~ minister of long experience to the West Coast field, which has now gone unmanned for so long. Sam Johnson is unwilling to

Dr. Everett B. King - 2

accept the Craig-Klawock assignment should it be offered to him. I do not know what Mr. Bromley's reaction may be and can only represent that there is some feeling already registered on the part of the Hoonah people to have Sam Johnson for their layworker next year.

Now for what it may be worth I want to give you some impressions which I carried away from Juneau. Jimmy Hall is surely a fine young minister whom we believe is doing a fine piece of work in Ketchikan. We are distressed to hear the recent report that his church has been damaged by fire, but even under this handicap we have faith that he is going steadfastly ahead. Ben Judd and his wife both attended the meetings and they are a grand young couple. I wish you could have heard one of the Indian delegates say on the way home on the GOOD TIDINGS, "Mrs. Judd looks like she is a member of high society, but she's not. She talks to anybody." Surely they have had some experiences in getting to the Alaska field and with their hearts consecrated to the work they are doing they will do well. Willis Booth seems to be right at home in Northern Light Church in Juneau. He assured me that he was happy in his new field and so I believe that you worked out a good move for him. Walter Soboleff certainly has a live program in Memorial Church. Rising as he has to the top in spiritual levels among his people, we are proud to have him as a representative of the Christian ministry in the Juneau community. It was a happy privilege to meet Rev. Rotenberry, who gives impressions that he is surely earnest, sincere and faithful in his ministry. I was sorry to register one statement that he is a little worried regarding how long he may be able to serve in Alaska on account of Mrs. Rotenberry's health. I give this to you now not as something to take up directly with him, but merely as a registration of something which may come.

Ed Knudsen did not get to Presbytery, but I took an opportunity to stop over a few hours at Haines on the return trip of the GOOD TIDINGS. He is having a great year at Haines, and all that he is doing he is doing joyously. However, I feel that we have him doing too much, especially when I found that he has no assistant, since his brother has given up the work at Haines House to accept employment under a contractor in the Haines district. With the tremendous amount of physical effort necessary to care for the live stock and to put in the crop this spring there can be only a little time left for him to devote to the field of his calling. I believe that Rev. Knudsen is fully aware of his problems and that he is earnestly seeking the best answers. He is facing the future with confidence and will no doubt have very soon some good recommendations concerning the work in his field.

Under the sponsorship of Sam Johnson, Andrew Gamble has developed into the position of elder and layworker in the Angoon field. I wish that you might have had first hand the account of this both from Sam Johnson and from Andrew himself. These reports as I received them give confidence in the future leadership of our young leader. As Andrew Gamble has been active during recent years in many civic affairs as he is now Mayor of the little town, and as he at last has given his

Dr. Everett B. King - 3

heart unreservedly, I feel that he can give strong leadership in the Angoon field. Elders Bean and "Topsy" DuGuqua brought in good reports of the work of our church in Kake. Willie DuGuqua was at Presbytery and gave impressions of being widely awake and able to lead in the Kake field. I wish some means could be found to stimulate the Kake people to still further efforts to help themselves. I have never visited the Kake manse nor the Church, but from their reports much work is needed. To give Willie DuGuqua some token of encouragement in his work with the young people, Sheldon Jackson School bought a wood burning heater and sent it out on their boat from Juneau. So you could scratch that one item off the list as given in the National Missions report.

Sam Johnson wanted to give me \$100 as a gift of appreciation. I did not accept the gift, but did accept his promise that he would send it in directly to you. This I feel certain Sam will do, and I want you to have the story that goes with the gift in his own words. I only wish that you might have traveled around with him on his fine boat, the GOOD TIDINGS.

Sincerely

Geo

LY:h

P.S. High light of Presbytery was the ordination  
of Geo. Bettie.

April 28, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Lent:

In Mr. Bromley's report that he made to Presbytery relative to National Missions, I note the item in regard to the Sitka Church. I have written Mr. Bromley to the effect that I cannot concur with him in the recommendation that the Board make a grant of \$2000.00 at this time for repair work on the present building. I have a very clear cut reason for taking this stand, and I am going to explain it to you and you in turn can explain it to the Session at Sitka.

Herewith is the explanation:

I have requested that the Board set aside money as a building fund for the Sitka Church, this money to be made available at the close of the war. The request is that the total amount be at least \$15,000.00. The plan is that the Board will give \$1.00 for every \$2.00 that the local church in Sitka raises. In other words with \$10,000.00 set aside then the Sitka Church will be expected to raise \$20,000.00. This would give us a total of \$30,000, with which to build a real place for our services. Of course, if the Sitka people do not raise the full \$20,000.00 then the amount of money that we can hope to secure from the Board will be in proportion, that is, the Board will give \$1.00 for every \$2.00 that you raise.

In view of this asking and in view of the fact that I feel certain that this plan is going to be approved by the Board, I do not think it wise or right to return to the Board and ask them for \$2000.00 to be spent on the old building. I am pretty sure that you can appreciate my viewpoint and that you will understand that I am trying to do that which is for the best interest. At the very first opportunity you have, please present this proposition to the Session of the Church, and then let me know what plans you have for carrying it through.

I am sending you this letter because it is so difficult for me to secure any kind of a response to letters when sent to your Pastor, Rev. Mr. Arthur M. Bily. You may make this explanation in order that the Session will understand why the letter has come to you rather than to your Pastor.

Cordially yours,

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

april 29, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Your letter of April 14 has been received. I do not think that September would be a good month to spend on the preaching mission. However, if you could come then or at any time during the year ahead, I do feel strongly that the preaching mission in our Alaska Presbytery would be tremendously worth while. No doubt while you are in Alaska you would want to stretch out to the Yukon Presbytery as well. Let us be thinking and praying of this possibility. If as the summer progresses you can definitely arrange for a month or six weeks we will be most happy to enter into plans with you for visiting each one of the fields in our Presbytery.

We have written you some of the story of Emma Nicholet. Added to that a little is the copy of a letter which she recently received from her mother. Please do not publish the letter. Her story is rather one to tell. We are also enclosing copy of a telegram which Emma received from her mother. She is surely a plucky little girl, certainly not a sissy, and she is surely going to pass the 7th grade. Miss Conley tells me that Emma is doing wonderfully well for a girl who had only twelve weeks in formal classroom work before coming to S. J. S.

Easter services in our Church were fine. Watch for Harriett Johnson's story in the April Verstovian. No doubt Arthur Bily has written to you of the wonderful success of the Sitka ministers in securing the cooperation of business men on Good Friday. The closing of all places of business from twelve to three and the special services in the Lutheran Church during that time marked a new day in the history of Sitka. Never before has anything like that been attempted or accomplished in "sinful Sitka."

Cordially yours

*Les*

LY:h  
Enc. (2)

# Sheldon Jackson School

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 4, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 19. When I sent Mrs. Swanson's letter to Miss Whitmore in to you I failed to tell you of Mr. Swanson's progress in building his new boat. He is actively engaged in completing his own seine boat there in Hydaburg and I have been wondering what is ahead for him, thinking that perhaps when his boat is completed he might be setting forth independently to do Christian work. This would have possible ill effects on the work of our Presbytery and would be a thing which I would regret seeing develop. I failed to sound him out on this but feel that the only approach in any event must come through you. So all I could add now is simply my feeling that our Church should hold the Swansons in one of our fields.

Very sincerely

*Les*

LY:h

5/25/43

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett:

We launched the hull of the SJS II at 1:30 A.M. today after an earlier service of dedication per copy enclosed. So we have had a glorious night.

Now it will take six weeks to complete our new boat (provided engine is received on next boat in five days as expected.) Then she will fish until end of August. Following that she will probably make two student trips. Then she will be available for Presbyterian if needed. Would Paul Prouty be available for a winter's work on her - Oct. to April possibly?

Since Govt. Officials have given assurance that the emergency of Apr. 1942 has passed, since we have furnished two good ships already, and since our need is so great, it is in my mind to most vigorously protest any attempt to take over this new ship. In case of need may we appeal to you for support?

Sincerely,  
Les

SJS II DEDICATORY SERVICE  
Andrew Hope's Boatshop  
9:15 Tuesday Evening  
May 4, 1943

Leslie Yew, Presiding

Ship's Bell  
Call to Worship:

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep.

Invocation:

Laurence Doig

Doxology: (led by Mrs. Glen Wallace)

Short talks: Moses Johnson (student apprentice boatbuilder) and Mr. Andrew Hope

Leader: To the glory of God our Heavenly Father, plenteous in mercy and goodness, giver of all skill of mind and hand,

People: We dedicate this ship.

Leader: In love, faith, and devotion for our Lord Jesus Christ who through His life on earth and death on the Cross gave us the wonderful promise of Eternal Life,

People: We dedicate this ship.

Leader: Seeking through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to understand the truth of God,

People: We dedicate this ship.

Leader: To a service of work in the economic world on the beautiful waterways of Southeastern Alaska,

People: We dedicate this ship.

Leader: To a ministry of service for Sheldon Jackson School, the Presbytery of Alaska, and the people of this great land,

People: We dedicate this ship.

Dedicatory prayer: Rev. Arthur N. Bily

School song: Flora Swift & Julia Durkee, Class of '43 (leaders)

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 8, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

On returning from Presbytery meetings in Juneau the matter of becoming self-supporting was presented to the Session. The challenge was readily accepted. Rev. Bily has been working faithfully on it with the Session and I am more than happy to enclose copy which is now being set up in the May Verstovian covering action taken by the congregation. This copy is written by Flora Swift '43 and accurately reports the meeting.

It is going to be possible to carry out this plan only as a strong organization is built up. Mr. Bily is not long on meetings with his various groups but we have him definitely improving. He is really working on this project. We will try to keep the effort sustained which is all that we need to put the plan over. An active leadership will keep Sitka First Church off the list of Aid receiving churches. Sheldon Jackson staff is solidly behind the plan, and we will do our part.

Is it possible from the New York end to do anything between now and this Fall in the way of securing the Episcopal property here? The work for them does not seem to prosper too well with the coming of Rev. Thomas and family. A possible merger might be effected, and a plan developed for enlarging the building after the war. If this can be done it looks like the best plan to work on. Of course it would have to be worked on here too. Nothing has been done to promote it here yet. Please let me know what you think.

Faithfully, yours,

*Leslie Yaw*

## "ON OUR OWN"

April 7, the First Presbyterian Church of  
Lithia held a "Pot Luck" for the adults of the  
congregation, at the Nelson Jackson School.  
Fifty-five people were present, 22 children  
and their children given to the North Missouri  
Mission Society, 100 lbs. of dried "old fashioned"  
canned foods. The offering was \$10.00.  
Rev. Pilley brought up the matter of business,  
in which everyone was interested.

Should the church become self supporting,  
in order that action could be taken  
on the national meeting was called. Everyone was  
in favor of being a self supporting church. Mr.  
John Price, the treasurer, gave the financial  
report for the church, showing last year \$100.  
00 will be needed each year. He suggested that  
less be given to benevolences since, a child  
under the present plan simply gets back  
what it cost. It was in \$100.00, more  
could still be needed to keep a self sup. ch. going.  
VOTED to agree to this and felt sure the money  
could be raised. Then the session was given  
authority to contact the Board of National Missions  
and request that the church and the church property  
be turned over, also to develop plans to do at its  
location what we will have to do by October  
1<sup>st</sup>, 1943.

Report on 1<sup>st</sup> for all funds raised announced  
Mr. Doig  
F. Morris, Mr. Jones, Mr. Stuart were

(cont )

points to a wide variety of routes. They propose to use right of "unfilled lands", materials and contracts, that will be necessary to make the proposed roads as serviceable as possible.

The second route is the one which has been mentioned above, and the third is the one which would be the most difficult to construct, but which is the shortest. The third route is the one which would be the most difficult to construct, but which is the shortest.

F.S.

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Developed, stenciled, mimeographed, and used by S. J. S. young people in their last meeting of the year.....an open air meeting around an evening campfire on Bourhill Beach.

COMPETENT CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

My Pledge Of Service

Leader:

To give a cup of cold water  
To share a crust of bread  
To be helpful to another whenever his need is known.

Response:

I pledge myself to Thee, O Christ

Leader:

To attend Divine Worship and to  
take an active part, wholeheartedly,

Response:

I pledge myself to Thee, O Christ

Leader:

To do my part for Thee wherever I  
may be,

Response:

I pledge myself to Thee, O Christ

Leader:

To keep myself physically and morally strong  
I will abstain from the use of alcohol in any  
form and to encourage others to do the same,

Response:

I pledge myself to Thee, O Christ.

Leader:

Daily to seek the truth of God, to find, to know, and then  
to do His will, with courage love and devotion,

Response:

I pledge myself to Thee, O Christ.

May 10, 1943

Miss Alice M. Goddard

Miss Alice M. Goddard  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

We are happy to report that the engine for the *Joe II* has safely lowered into the hull on Saturday, May 8, at which time we also received the engine, winch and practically all other accessories for our boat. At the present time and for the next six weeks the boat is resting on the dry dock at the Mengel Andrew Hope's boat shop. So far insurance purposes until June 15 the project should still be regarded as *light* and *not* construction of the boat completed. As of June 15 we expect to have the boat completed and afloat. As soon as she is in commission she will be fishing in Icy Straits as the season opens. As the season advances she will follow the fish on into Chatham Straits and a little later will be fishing in this area. With the coming of September we expect her to make two student trips and after that to do some special work for Presbytery.

The value of the new boat will be not under \$16,000. When our final figure is given the total value may reach \$17,000.

Very truly yours

Leslie Low  
Superintendent

L.L:h

cc to Dr. King

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 10, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Thank you for your letter of April 26. I have no additional information now regarding Rev. Bromley going down to take over the Craig-Klawock field. However, we are writing him as per copy of letter enclosed. It still looks like it will be a good move to have Rev. Bromley go down there provided he will accept.

Has Sam Johnson sent in that \$100 gift? *✓ 7/28/43*

We are enclosing a copy of our letter to Miss Goddard, which gives the latest news on the SJS II. Our prayers continue that you may make a trip around our Presbytery aboard this good ship next fall!

Sincerely

*L.Y.*

LY:h

Enc. (2)

May 10, 1943

Rev. E. M. Bromley  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bromley:

Would you and Mrs. Bromley consider a move down to revive the work on the Craig-Klawock field next year? The question comes up in this way. Sam Johnson does not feel that he can go down to that work but he would come over to Hoonah for the work there. With our work neglected down on the West Coast the need is all too apparent so it really would be a great thing if you folks could go down there to help those people next year. Would you write me soon, also Dr. King, regarding what you think of the proposition?

We are enclosing copy of the dedication service at the boat shop last week. We received the 60 H. P. Atlas on Saturday and now we are going right forward to complete our new ship.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

LY:h  
Enc.

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May 10, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Your letter telling us that the Board would not help Sitka First Church make repairs now and a copy of your letter to Rev. Bily giving the good word that the Board unanimously approved setting aside \$10,000 as a challenge fund have both been received.

Under the urgency of the situation here some \$2000 worth of repairs will undoubtedly be made during the summer. The Session and we at the school feel that we would be guilty of criminal negligence to continue using our old building in the shape that it is in. So a repair fund has been set up and approximately \$650 has already been taken in. The repair committee meets tonight with Rev. Bily, his financial committee meets with him tomorrow evening, and the Session on Friday evening of this week. As Rev. Bily reports these meetings I do trust that you may know that the Sitka First Church accepts the challenge of two dollars to one for a new building to be erected after the war.

Sincerely



LY:h

cc to Miss Voss

May 11, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

You are quite right in saying that September will not be a good month for the preaching mission, and I shall try to develop my plans accordingly. At present, I am hoping to get transportation to Alaska around September 15, 1943. I shall go to the Yukon Presbytery and spend a couple of weeks there, returning to Alaska Presbytery the first part of October. If you say the word, then we will work toward having the preaching mission through the month of October.

Thank you for the added information about Emma Nicholet. Both the letter and the telegram were most revealing. I trust that you and your family are well.

I am due to be at the Synod of Washington which meets in Wenatchee July 6 through July 9. I wonder if it would be possible at all for you to plan to come out and be present at this meeting. I think the trip would do you good in the first place, and then I am sure that your presence at the Synod would be an inspiration. It would be a joy to me to have this fellowship with you, and at that time we could work out the details for the preaching mission. Please think it over and try, if at all possible, to meet me at Wenatchee.

Cordially yours,

ERK/mk

May 14, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Lealie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Lest:

I have your note of May 5, stating that you have launched the hull of the SJS II at 1:30 A.M. after an earlier dedicatory service. Thank you for sending me a copy of that service. I only wish that I could have been there in person and enjoyed the privilege of seeing the hull launched. I shall look forward to a more detailed report about the boat.

It will not be possible for Paul Prouty to spend anytime in Alaska now. He has just recently been transferred from the Synod of Washington to the Synod of Oregon. His new work became effective May 1, so you can see it would not be wise to take him out of this new home and send him back to Alaska. Maybe after the war he can be used again in the territory.

In case you need to appeal to me for support against the Government taking over this second SJS, you certainly have my permission to wire. I shall make a special trip to Washington, if necessary, in the interest of keeping the boat. Do not hesitate to call on me at any time when I can help.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

May 17, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

I have your letter of May 8 and rejoice in the fine progress that is being made with our work in Sitka. It will be a fine day when the Church assumes self-support. I am also notifying our legal department to communicate with Mr. Bily relative to the transfer of the property to the local trustees. I am pretty sure that this will not cause any great difficulty.

I have also taken up the matter with the Episcopal Church again, but I cannot give you any encouraging hopes. I am afraid that for the present the Episcopal Church will not be in a position to consider any kind of joint program. I think this is too bad.

You already have my letter stating that I was not in favor of the Board investing additional sums of money in our old building. I cannot see the wisdom in such a procedure. If no additional building is to be gotten, and if we cannot possibly work out any relationship with the Episcopal Church, perhaps you could build a basement and that would serve as a temporary place of worship. Would it be possible at all for our Church to use the Episcopal building? Anything will be better, in my judgment, than to spend the additional \$4000.00 on the old building that we know is inadequate and will not be permanent.

Cordially yours,

EBK/nk

May 19, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Several letters have gone back and forth about the repair item for the Sitka Church. Your latest communication of May 10 states that the Session at Sitka feels that it is absolutely necessary to make some kind of repairs. I cannot, of course, dictate to the Session, and would not if I could. My own personal judgment is that if you could find some other place to worship, other than in the old church building that you would do better than to spend any money remodeling this old structure. Would it not be possible for the Church to conduct its services in your gymnasium?

I do not question at all the need for repairs on the present building, but I cannot satisfy my mind that you are doing the right thing in spending money on this old building. Anything else that you can do as a temporary measure seems to me would be so much better.

Sam Johnson has sent me his one hundred dollars and told me the story. I immediately wrote to him expressing our appreciation for his fine Christ-like spirit.

Thanks for the copy of the communication that you sent to me about the SJ3 No 2. I shall also be anxious to know what Rev. Bromley's reaction is to the Craig-Klawock Field.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

Dictated but not signed by  
Dr. King

NATIONAL MISSIONS  
REV. E. E. BROMLEY, CH.  
HOONAH, ALASKA

UNITED PROMOTIONS  
REV. J. A. GLASSE  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

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REV. ALFRED D. SWOgger  
METLAKATLA, ALASKA

STATED CLERK  
REV. ALFRED D. SWOgger  
METLAKATLA, ALASKA

# PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

May 19th. '43

Leslie Yaw  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Yaw:-

We received your letter suggesting that we go to the Craig-Klawock churches and that Sam Johnson come here. As they say in the news reports "the attack was a complete surprise". We have had time to recover from our surprise and have decided that if Dr. King thinks it is the thing to do we are willing to make the change some time this fall.

We had been talking for a while about retiring this coming October, as I will be sixty five then. However war conditions seem to demand that every minister stay on the firing line for the duration.

Your letter seems to indicate that Dr. King has already been consulted regarding this change, so I will write him that we are willing to go.

Sincerely,

E.E.Bromley

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 24, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Here is a letter just received from Mr. Bromley. We are sending it to you simply to add to what Mr. Bromley has undoubtedly written. With his willingness to make the transfer thus expressed, it would seem best through our eyes here that the change be made and that Sam Johnson take over Hoonah next winter.

Very truly yours

*Leslie Yaw*

LY:h  
Enc.

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 25, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

What is the desire of the Board relative to our keeping track of the Princeton-Hall? Since we put so much of our heart and soul into her construction out here and since she is a vessel so well suited for our needs with special care and attention as well as materials going into the hull, it has been in our minds to keep track of her fortunes as best we may. Then after the war is over there will no doubt be a time when the ship may become ours again should that be the will of the Board. Please let me know. I have answered as above to a question recently received in a letter from the States. This letter suggested that our interest in the P-H is gone and that a new ship would be constructed after the war.

That Officer at the local Section Base who called back the last story on the Princeton-Hall has been transferred recently. He never did get out a revision of the story. Most recent information on the Princeton-Hall coming to me informally from the Resident-Officer-in-Charge is to the effect that 'our ship' has been assigned to another station out of this area, which is all I know now.

Since the Officers at the local station change from time to time and they are all new over there now, it would be helpful to me in getting information on the P-H to have a direct request from you. I believe it would also be helpful to have the Board's interest formally stated and on record not only at the local station but also with the Maritime Commission ( provided the Board's interest is as outlined above.)

SJS II is coming along. Another month should see her in service. She is a grand vessel and does she cost! Time, delay, money, problems aplenty! But the goal of that trial run is near. With conviction in our hearts we believe that this ship is destined to remain ours and that she will do a great work for our church and the Kingdom while she must do the work of two boats. (Present valuation on the SJS II is \$18,000.00 when completed. We thought the old SJS worth \$10,000.00 but the Gov't. paid only \$8,200.00) Well at any rate we did not lay down and say, 'What's the use.' It has been a glorious privilege to work on this new boat, and there is real joy around now that the job is so near done.

Sincerely,

*Leslie Yaw*

**COMMENCEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**MAY 21, 1943**



**SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL  
SITKA, ALASKA**

## **WINNING THE PEACE**

The Seniors have spent eight weeks studying the world situation and the basis of a durable peace. This involved the reading and study of a vast amount of new material as well as a study of maps.

The program today represents a conference preliminary to the peace conference. Each member of the graduating class has made a particular study of one country or problem and will present the claims of that one for consideration in the final settlement.

# **COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

10:00 A. M. Friday May 21, 1943 Auditorium  
Processional God of Our Fathers  
Invocation Edward Verney, class president  
Hymn O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

## **A PRELIMINARY PEACE CONFERENCE**

Great Britain	Juanita Adams
India	Florence Grant
Holland	James Walton
Japan	Julia Durkee
Russia	Robert David
China	Kenneth James
Latin America	Edward Verney
The Jews	Harriett Johnson
Alaska & U. S. Air	Flora Swift
U. S. and World Labor	Cyril George
Africa and the Negro	George Haldane Jr.
Peace Plans	Clara Hamilton
A Commission for Further Study	Leslie Yaw
Hymn	Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning
Benediction	Rev. Arthur N. Bily
Recessional	God Save America

**SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL**  
**PRINT SHOP**

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

May 31, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

We were surely happy to receive your letter of May 14. I trust that we shall never have to call on you for support against the Government taking over the SJS II, but just in case of need our position is stronger with all of our forces lined up. We were surprised and happy to know of Paul Prouty's new work on the frontier for the Synod of Oregon. Of course we are disappointed in that it is not possible for him to spend any time back in Alaska now, for we learned to love him while he was here and we know that he could do a great service among the people in the towns, villages and little outlying communities of Southeastern Alaska.

Regarding your question about Mr. Bean of Kake for service in Klukwan this fall, I think he would be a possibility. However I have no way of checking this positively. I can only suggest that you write him direct. As far as I know he has been an active elder in our Church at Kake and might consider a short service at Klukwan. Since there is still time, I wonder if you would check up more with Rev. Bromley and Willis Booth, also possibly Sam Johnson.

Very sincerely

LY:h

*Leslie Yaw*

Please return to

Rev. B. K. Yaw

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June 4, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$500.00 which I am sending to you now. You may deposit this money and we will use it when we have our evangelistic month. What do you think about inviting Ralph Hall to accompany me on this trip in October? The two of us could do most of the preaching. It would be quite a job for one man to do all of the speaking on a month program. You understand why I am sending the \$500.00 now. I have that money available at the present time, and I am afraid that if I wait until October I might not be able to find it.

In regard to the desire of the Board relative to keeping tract of the Princeton Hall, I can give you the full assurance that the Board is committed to follow the interest of the Princeton Hall. After the war, if it is possible, we want to buy this boat back from the Government, and to place it in the operation which it was originally planned for. Like you I feel that there has been so much heart and soul placed into the construction of this boat, that we would not be true to those who have made the contributions, unless we reclaimed this boat and placed it in active service for our Lord. I do not quite understand what you mean about the Board sending notice to the Maritime Commission about our interest in the Princeton Hall. I shall be more than glad to follow any instructions that you give me.

I am glad to note that the S.J.S. No. 2 is coming along so nicely, and I hope that you will not meet with many more disappointments and it will soon be ready for the purpose for which you have dreamed that it would be used.

I was glad to get your note about Mr. Bromley expressing his willingness to serve at the Craig-Klawock field. That will answer many problems. With the Bromleys going to Craig-Klawock and Sam Johnson going to Hoonah, and the new man at Angoon, we will have Alaskan needs pretty well taken care of.

Cordially yours,

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

June 7, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

This will acknowledge your two letters of May 17 and May 19.

We are sorry for the question concerning the repair work on the old church. I do wish that you might have been with us through a number of Session meetings and through several congregational meetings. To understand the whole picture you would have to have been with us in meeting after meeting from away back in 1935. Earlier along the way I have been strongly opposed, as you now are, to spending a single dollar for the repair of our old building. This plan to do the work now getting under way was not one which I initiated. Rather it grew up out of desperation of the situation here. Coming to our church Sunday after Sunday, meeting in a cold, drafty, unsightly building, a number of new comers, as well as several members of our regular congregation, kept raising the question. With the war situation on us and with no prospects of a new building as we judge for three to five years, it has been felt that something should be done. Those Presbyterians who live here in Sitka and who worship in our building week after week feel a great shame in our failure to have had a new church long before now. Yet out of our disgrace there is nevertheless a great blessing, for it is teaching us to really get under a burden and bear it ourselves. This is just cause for great rejoicing. Not only is the Sitka congregation ready to bear the cost of these interior repairs to the present structure, but as you already know definite plans ~~are~~ laid to begin full self-support October 1, 1943. This is a great victory for the Sitka church.

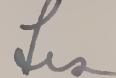
Now a little more as to the cost of these present repairs. Without effort and without direct appeal, \$725 of the cost has been voluntarily given specifically for repairs on the part of several of our members. The initial gift was for \$500. This money was not given for a new building, but was given only for repairs. At a congregational dinner held Saturday evening, June 5th, the report of the special building repairs committee to spend approximately \$1750 for interior repairs was accepted and approved. With the Episcopal Church definitely not a possibility, and with our old

Dr. Everett B. King - 2

S. J. S. auditorium simply another dilapidated old place needing repairs too, and with the situation including all the factors mentioned above, this repair program has our full support and approval. The work is to be done by a local contractor who is a member of our Church and who has a reputation for finishing up work of this kind in a good manner. It is to be done by September 1st. So you see how I have changed in these years as regards this big question of church repairs. At first definitely and positively opposed to it, I now feel that it is the thing to do and so appeal to you to change with us and give us at least your moral support.

We are enclosing copy of our letter going to Ed Knudsen. Ever since that Presbytery trip when it was possible to make a short visit there, we have felt the need of doing something to help Rev. Knudsen. So we hope that this plan now will materialize and that it will result in giving the help needed at Haines.

Very sincerely,



LY:h

June 7, 1943

Mr. Ed Knudsen  
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Knudsen:

Your telegram stating that you are expecting our relief team July 1st has been received. We are happy to have this answer to our letter of April 23rd, for this is a definite possibility of developing a cooperative project between Sheldon Jackson and Haines house. With three of our staff generously volunteering some of their vacation time, and with our new boat nearing completion and really needing a "shakedown" cruise, there is every reason for us going ahead with these plans as outlined earlier.

In about three weeks we expect to have the CGS II ready for the trip. However, while we plan to leave here around the 23rd or 24th, I cannot guarantee this now, for you know on a project like ours there may be some delays. So the best we can say today is that we will have our folks there approximately July 1st.

I must tell you of two others we are planning to send with them. Since you now have Mrs. Nicolet and the two boys there, we are going to send Emma to see her mother and to help in the program at Haines house. We are also going to send one of our boys, the only original one we have left for the summer. He is an Eskimo lad from Lubick who is bright and willing and will be ready to help with the forestry and garden program there. These are the plans at the present. We do hope that they may be carried out and that the help we are planning to send you may be successful in success.

With every good wish to all at Haines House,

Very sincerely

Leslie Yer  
Superintendent

With  
Alice

Sitka, Alaska  
June 12, 1943

Dear Everett:

You asked me a hard question <sup>in your</sup> letter of May 11<sup>th</sup>. I've been trying to develop a plan to meet you at Synod of Washington July 6-9. Much as I'd like to come it won't work. So I'll stay here and try to be happy about it - not any easy assignment for myself! (The wife & son Chas. are in Iowa. I wanted to get out to check with you, then hurry on to bring them back by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.)

From several quarters news is coming in about your trip around next Fall. That is going to be a great thing for our Presbytery. Who do you want with you from out here? I have Andrew Hope & either Walter Soboleff or Geo. Bettis in mind. Perhaps Jimmie Hall? It will help to have your preferences and dates as near as you can give them. Also where would you like to start out?

Ketchikan, Juneau,

Emma Nicolet's mother is here now. You would love her unvarnished Christian character.

As ever  
Les.

June 17, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

I have your good letter of June 7, and have read it through very carefully. First of all, let me say that I protested vigorously against the repair work that you proposed to do on the old building at Sitka, but since my protests were not heeded, then you may be sure that I am 100 per cent for anything that you do. In fact, I want to make my approval so realistic that I am herewith enclosing my personal check for \$50.00, and will ask that this full amount be used in the repair of the old building.

I can appreciate full well all that you have said relative to the old building. I hope that the repair work and the redecoration will make it more attractive.

The Sitka congregation is to be congratulated on the generous response that was made indirectly for the repair items. I shall be interested in having you write to me, letting me know about the progress of the work.

Cordially yours,

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

June 21, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4 containing the check for \$500<sup>X</sup>. This is good news and we are planning definitely from our end for your trip in October. I think it would be quite all right to invite Ralph Hall to accompany you, for this would add strength to the mission. It will be fine for each church in our Presbytery to receive the stimulus and inspiration of a strong team on this mission. Do you want anyone from Presbytery to make the trip with you? Perhaps you have already written me on this, for I have raised the question with you in an earlier letter.

Thank you for giving me that firm answer on the Princeton-Hall. I shall endeavor to keep track of her from this end and will hope to have further reports from time to time. Regarding that letter to the Maritime Commission, do you not think it would be helpful from your end to write of the Board's interest directly to the Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C., requesting official information such as may be given from the Navy, and expressing our permanent interest in the fortunes of our good ship? My thought in this is that orders coming from Washington to the Alaska base of the Princeton-Hall would give the Board a check on what is happening to our boat from time to time, and at the end of the war the Commission would have record of our interest in the re-purchase of the vessel.

SJS II is coming near to her maiden voyage. A lot of activity is going into her final installations this week, as we hope to have her away to Haines early next week.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

*Les*

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*X Funds being held here.*

June 22, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sikka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Since you cannot make the meeting on July 6, I suppose it is just as well for my own plans have been changed and I am not going to make it myself. However, I still think it would be a fine thing for you to come out and to spend a few days.

I would not want to set-up any program for myself relative to the evangelistic mission on the S.J.S. II. However, I do have some suggestions to offer. You may take them at what they are worth.

1. My feeling is that you should be on board throughout the whole trip, if that is possible. I think Andrew Hope could be the Captain and take care of the boat. Since we will be making the smaller villages I wonder whether or not George Betts would not be the best man. There is a possibility of Ralph Hall, father of Jimmie Hall, being secured for the trip. If so, that will make a fine team for us.

2. My suggestion for the date would be from October 1 to the close of October, or as near that time as it is possible for us to make the necessary arrangements.

3. I cannot tell you where we would start out from. If I came directly from Seattle then the place to start would be Ketchikan. However, there is a possibility that I will be in Yukon Presbytery during part of September. If my plans work out in that direction then we could begin at Juneau, so you had better save the starting point until we have more definite information.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

June 28, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Your fine letter of June 17 made all our hearts happy. Your check in amount of \$50 has been entered in the repair fund for our Church. While this work is not yet begun the contractor has ordered materials and we expect he will accomplish all of the repair work planned during the course of the next couple of months so that with the coming of September our old building should be like new on the inside.

We will let you know more of the progress of the work later this summer.

Sincerely

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x Arthur Bily held your check up at Service yesterday as he told about it. Your gift boosted collections to \$905.00 - half of what we are to raise.

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June 29, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

I have your letter of June 21, in which you acknowledge receipt of my letter of June 4, containing the check for \$500.00. I am glad that you concur with me in the thought of inviting Ralph Hall to accompany us on the preaching mission. I feel that if it is possible for him to come, that it will add strength and power to the mission.

In another letter, I indicated my desire about having other members of the Presbytery to make the trip along with us. In order that I may emphasize what I said, let me say again, that you should be on the trip as much of the time as possible. Then I also think that it might be well to use George Betts part of the time and Walter Soboleff part of the time. This can be worked out by you and the Committee. You said that Mr. Hope would go along to take care of the boat. That will Ad line. He can also bear personal testimony of the Gospel of Christ, which will be most helpful.

A little later on I think it would be wise to write a letter to the Maritime Commission in Washington, expressing our continued interest in the Princeton-Hall boat. Early in the fall, I shall follow your suggestion and do so.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

July 7, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Sorry we missed on meeting at Washington Synod. Now we are going to bend every effort to bring about the evangelistic mission as we have been thinking of it for late this Fall. The suggestions in your letter of June 22nd are fine. Here are my reactions:

1. Andrew Hope will serve as Captain of SJS II. George Betts will make a fine teammate for Andrew and I will try to arrange this. You know Dr. Ralph Hall. Presbytery of Alaska will welcome him with you if you can arrange for him to come. As for myself personal feelings are all in the direction of making the trip with you yet what can I do? I do not sing and the team certainly does not need a poor speaker. Also duty will quite likely hold me at S. J. S. So let's leave me out. What about special music? Should talent be found and taken along? Or should we plan to use local leaders? In a way I favor using local talent for that would give the local churches something to do in the way of getting ready for your coming and also would carry over well after the trip.

2. Dates will probably be much better between October 15 - Nov. 15th. At this writing it appears that Fall fishing the first two weeks in October would interfere with earlier schedules. It is usually the end of October and even into early November when all our churches settle down to 'normal' after the summer and early Fall 'break-up'.

3. The starting place can be left open. We are getting word around Presbytery now. When final plans are known a week's notice by wire should be enough to begin anywhere.

You are wise regarding the set-up. Shall we leave it that this is being planned by the Presbytery of Alaska? Our Presbytery has been calling for such a trip for several years. We simply take up now where we left off when the Princeton-Hall was called for other special duty. This was checked at Spring meeting in Juneau. All ministers and churches reported in favor-and strongly so. The field now is over-ripe for the harvest. Communities need leadership, inspiration, and a strong interpretation of the Word. Many souls are hungry for spiritual food and in need of salvation. (Servicemen and our local churches are included in my thinking here.) This set-up then looks strong and good to me now with Presbytery assuming responsibility for the program, with the sturdy new boat available, and with you heading the Mission.

Please let me know your further suggestions.

Sincerely, *Les*

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

July 20, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

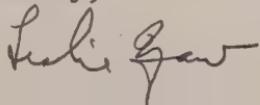
Dear Everett:

Work on the repairs to the church is underway. Last Sunday services were held in the S. J. S. chapel. Members of the congregation were very much interested and thrilled to see the progress which has been made down at the church. Mr. Rands is not able to keep his men there steady as he has other contracts, particularly the big USO building, and he must use available men on that as materials are received. On our job the staging is all up, balconies(side) are boarded up, and the first layers of Temlock are ##### glued to the ceiling. Enough has been done so we are able to see what a wonderful improvement will be effected when the job is done.

Contributions coming directly into the Repair Fund now total a little better than \$1000.00. When the work is complete and when our fishing folk return in the Fall we are hopeful that the full amount needed will be reached out of these direct donations.

SJS II is fishing away. We will not know the full story of her luck this season for another five or six weeks. For the first week she did as well as other boats. One day over in Tene kee Inlet she led them all with a catch of 2100 large dogs in one set.

Sincerely,



July 27, 1943

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for your good letter of July 20 in which you tell me about the progress that is being made toward the reconstruction of our old church building in Sitka. I am well pleased over the report.

Thanks also for the good word about the SJS II; that was good reading for some days.

Cordially yours,

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AIR MAIL

July 27, 1943

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

I am more than pleased with your reaction to the proposed plan for the evangelistic mission as outlined in your letter of July 7. I can immediately confirm most of the suggestions you make:

- (1) Andrew Hope and George Betts will make a fine team for the boat and they will also add to the weight of the commission. As for yourself, I am quite sure that it is necessary and essential that you plan to make the trip, even though you cannot sing and even though you think you are a poor speaker. I maintain that the commission will not be complete unless you are there. The fact is, if I am willing to travel several thousand miles, in order to be in this service, you, the Moderator of the Presbytery, ought to make your plans to travel a few hundred miles. I simply will not take No for an answer. You must by all means make your plans to spend a large portion of the time with us. Like you, I feel that it would be best to have the local talent to provide for the special music. The more that we can call upon the local communities to do, the better it will be. After all, we do not want to carry everything to the community. That would be bad for the community and for us as well.
- (2) I note your suggestion about the date between October 15 and November 15. With this in mind, I shall try to get to Alaska about the 1st of October, and possibly arrange to spend the first fifteen days in Yukon Presbytery. I need to be in that section of the world, and the fifteen days will give me that opportunity.
- (3) I shall wire you immediately when I have my plans definitely made.

Ralph Hall would be a fine addition to the visiting commission. He has a great evangelistic heart and preaches a fine spiritual sermon. I know that the people in Alaska would respond to him and to his leadership. If it is at all possible, I hope that we can have him with us.

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw

July 27, 1943

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I am sure that the time is ripe for just this type of a program. I hope that nothing will interfere with our present plan. By all means let us keep it in the forefront that this is a program that has been planned by the Presbytery of Alaska. It is not a program that is being suggested, or that has been created by an outside element or forces. It will mean more to the local people if they know that the whole program has originated from the inside.

Cordially yours,

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August 23, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheildon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

Today I am sending you some pamphlets and tracts from our Department of Evangelism to be used on the preaching mission in October. If you think that we will need more material than I have sent to you, please let me know, and I shall be more than glad to supplement the present order with your requested materials.

I am sure that the preaching mission will render a great service and I am looking forward to it.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk



August 27, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Leslie:

About the time we have all the plans arranged for the Preaching Mission in Alaska then something happens. I am sorry to have to send you this word.

First of all, Ralph Hall notified me that it would be impossible for him to engage in this mission from October 15 to November 15, due to previous engagements. Ralph would have made a wonderful contribution to the Preaching Mission, and I am sorry that he cannot give his time.

Then the second handicap comes in that I have accepted a call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and have resigned as secretary of the Board, to become effective November 1. In the face of this move it would not be fair at all for me to spend the time or the money in the Preaching Mission.

I do not know what to recommend to you. It might be wise for you to postpone the Preaching Mission until a little later. Possibly the early part of the Spring would be a good time, as by that time my successor should be in office and it would be a splendid opportunity for him to become acquainted with the work in Alaska.

However, if you think it wise to continue with the original plan, and to have the Preaching Mission from October 15 to November 15, I suggest that you let me select someone to substitute for me. I believe that I could secure the services of Dr. A. B. Keeler. He is Secretary of our Board and has charge of the Building and Aid. Dr. Keeler was in Alaska several years ago, and it would not be altogether new territory for him. I shall await for information from you before I do anything. Let me know what your judgment is, and I shall be more than glad to carry through.

I deeply regret leaving the Board, and especially the fellowship of

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw

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August 27, 1943

you who are in Alaska. One of the great joys that I have experienced during the past four years, has been the fellowship with the workers in Alaska together with their confidence and faith in me.

You may be sure that I shall continue to remember you in my prayers, and will covet your continued friendship and kind thoughts.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

August 31, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, 10, New York

Dear Everett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 27 relative to the Preaching Mission. Our ears are all tuned, waiting for that telegram about your definite plans and we are hoping that Ralph Hall will find it possible to make the trip with you. Every minister and layworker in our Presbytery is telling the good news of the Preaching Mission and now everyone is just waiting for the final word regarding definite plans.

Since it looks like you would be in Yukon Presbytery for the first part of October, you will no doubt fly back from the north to Juneau. We are therefore thinking in terms of sending you from Juneau to Skagway, Haines, Hoonah, and into Sitka; then from Sitka on around by way of Angoon, Kake, Petersburg, Wrangell, Klawak, Hydaburg, Metlakatla, and ending at Ketchikan. However, this is tentative and subject to change for whatever plan may appear better.

Andrew Hope has indicated his willingness to be the skipper. Walter Soboleff is willing to make part of the trip, as is also George Betts.

Unless something unforeseen pops up, I am now planning to make this great trip around our Presbytery with you. Just as the present time we are welcoming new workers to the staff at S.J.S. and the prospects are that after a month of getting our program organized and running-it is going to be possible to be away. So my heart is really set on going around with you.

Sincerely,

*Les*

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September 8, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. W. Leslie Yaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Today I received your wire:

"Urge Keeler carry out Mission as planned best wishes."

I am delighted that you feel it is best to carry on with the plan to have the Preaching Mission. I quite agree with you and have so communicated to Dr. Keeler. He is planning to leave the States about the first of October, and will spend the first fifteen days of October in the interior of Alaska visiting some of the camps and construction workers.

I suggest, therefore that you arrange to begin the Preaching Mission at Juneau. Dr. Keeler could meet you and the SJS II there at Juneau, and you could carry on from that point. Dr. Keeler will get in touch with you later on when he knows definitely his time of arrival at Juneau.

I have already sent you the money for the expenses of the Preaching Mission. All that I want you to do is to send me a statement of the expenditures. I know you had already planned on doing this.

Dr. Keeler is a great heart and a great soul. He has a deep spiritual message and I know that the people of Alaska will respond to him. I am glad that he is able to substitute for me, and it is a source of joy to know that the work will go on.

Cordially yours,

ERK/mk

CC: Dr. Keeler

Dictated September 7, 1943

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September 20, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

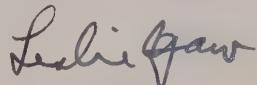
Dear Everett:

Following receipt of your letter of September 8, we are going forward with definite plans for Dr. Keeler to make the trip around our Presbytery. The Mission will begin at Juneau and end, probably, at Ketchikan, although the complete schedule is not definite at this time.

While we are just tremendously disappointed in your change of plans which makes it impossible for you to come, we are nevertheless most happy and appreciative of the substitute plan which you have so generously helped us develop. I know that, had circumstances allowed, you would have enjoyed the great fellowship with us and I know now that it is a source of joy to you to have helped us work out the plans so that the work will go on.

With warmest personal regards and with a prayer for a great blessing as you take up your new work,

Sincerely yours,

  
Leslie Yaw

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September 22, 1943

Inclosed is a schedule which we have set up here for the Preaching Mission. Andrew Hope, Frank Price, and I have developed this, endeavoring to make every field and to plan a trip to the best advantage possible. We realize that the stops are short and that the schedule may not be fully satisfactory. Also we must point to the fact that it will work only "weather permitting."

Soon after sending out the letter under date of August 30, we received a letter from Dr. Everett B. King to the effect that he would not be coming as planned to head the Preaching Mission, since he is resigning as of November 1 from his position with the Board to accept the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, Dr. King has been anxious to have the Preaching Mission go forward as planned and he is sending a substitute, Dr. A. A. Keefer. He is one of the Secretaries of our Board and has charge of the Building and Aid. Dr. King writes of him: "Dr. Keefer is a great heart and a great soul. He has a deep spiritual message and I know that the people of Alaska will respond to him. I am glad that he is able to substitute for me, and it is a source of joy to know that the work will go on."

In this same letter of Dr. King's he says that Dr. Keefer will meet our boat, the J.D. II, at Juneau, after having spent the first fifteen days of October in the interior of Alaska. As we are expecting Dr. Keefer will be in Juneau surely by October 16 to remain over Sunday, October 17, probably starting out from Juneau for Haines about 10 o'clock Sunday evening. We are expecting to have Andrew Hope, Walter Soudloff, Joseph Johnson, and Dr. A. A. Keefer aboard as the Preaching Mission gets under way. Also I am hoping to make at least the first part of the trip. Then, as the boat reaches Petersburg we are asking Rev. George Betts to join the Mission.

We should mention that the trip is planned in order to reach Hoonah in time for the coming important A. N. S. Convention. Dr. Keefer and the entire Preaching Mission could remain there to give spiritual uplift during the whole week, or if needs be, transportation could be arranged so that Dr. Keefer could come into Sitka, where the Preaching Mission will be finished. Will you therefore look forward to the coming of Dr. Keefer and the Preaching Mission to your Church, planning to make this visit as helpful as possible in your community? We feel that Dr. Keefer and each member of the Mission will enter wholeheartedly into plans as you develop them in your field. Finally, let us each and every one pray and plan and work earnestly for the success of our Preaching Mission that it may prove indeed a blessing among the Churches of our Presbytery.

Faithfully yours

Leslie Yaw  
Moderator, Presbytery of Alaska

September 21, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Leslie Kaw  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Les:

Dr. Keeler left Sunday night, flying to the West coast. It is his plan to leave Seattle September 28 for Fairbanks. He will spend a couple of weeks in the territory and then be ready to go on the preaching mission, meeting you at Juneau, or any other place that you may designate.

Dr. Keeler is strong physically, and can take the boat trip. You need not worry about overtaxing his physical endurance. He is a man of steel as far as endurance is concerned, and I am quite sure that he will be able to work down you or any other person.

I shall be praying for the mission and I know the Lord will richly bless the efforts.

Cordially yours,

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

September 4, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Everett:

When your letter came telling of your acceptance of the call to First Church, Albuquerque, I sent it over to Willis Booth, wanting to get his reaction to Dr. Keeler's coming as your substitute on the Preaching Mission. Before hearing from him, your telegram came from Chicago and I answered, urging that Dr. Keeler come out to carry out the Preaching Mission as planned. In making this recommendation I had in mind our great need here in Alaska Presbytery. Our churches and ministers have been disappointed so many times and have suffered so many losses and set backs that the time is now over-ripe and the field is more than ready for the harvest.

First we suffered the loss in the wreck of the old Princeton. Then we struggled along a few years until <sup>our hopes were raised with</sup> the building of the Princeton-Hall. These, as you know, were dashed to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean with that Maritime Commission order, and now it would be next to disastrous for us to fail to carry out our plans for this fall. While we are very keenly disappointed in not having you available, my impressions without hearing from Mr. Booth are that we surely will want to substitute Dr. Keeler.

However, I do want to check one point with you. I do not know Dr. Keeler as to age and health. Is he a robust man who could "take" the hard boat trip? We will, of course, do everything in our power to safeguard anyone sent around, and I do not know of a more able skipper than Andrew Hope. But travel on a small fishing vessel is not travel de luxe at any time of the year, especially in the fall. I think we can count on accommodations ashore for Dr. Keeler at every port of call, and he will be well cared for in each village. We will leave the decision entirely to your judgment and for our part we are surely going to continue our hopes and prayers that Dr. Keeler may come out to head the Preaching Mission.

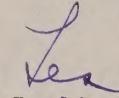
Dr. Everett B. King

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September 4, 1943

I know that you have been thinking of a move back into the pulpit ever since our hike on the Blue Lake Trail here at Sitka. Now that your decision has been made I know that your ministry among the folks at Albuquerque is going to be rich and full and you will bring a great blessing to our First Church there.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie Yaw

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Via Airmail

September 22, 1943

Mr. Leslie Yaw, Superintendent  
Sheldon Jackson School  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Les:

I have your letter of August 31 in which you give an outline of the proposed plan for the Preaching Mission. It makes me sad in heart to know that I am not going to be able to enjoy this grand privilege. The schedule looks most inviting, and I know that it would have been a rich experience for me to have had the one-month fellowship with you on board the SJS-2.

Andrew Hope and Walter Soboleff will make good companions.

I suggest that you write to Dr. Keeler in Anchorage and give him a tentative schedule of the Preaching Mission. He will appreciate hearing from you in advance.

Cordially yours,

EBK:S

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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

September 24, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Here is a copy of the schedule we have setup for The Preaching Mission, also a copy of the letter which has gone out this week to each minister and lay-worker. Now we are waiting word of Dr. Keeler's arrival in Juneau on his way to Yukon Presbytery and we all have the greatest hopes for the success of his trip to Alaska.

I should report to you that the repairs at the church are practically completed. We have been back there for worship the last two Sundays. Truly Clarence Rands has brought sunshine into that old building. Art Bily hopes to get a picture which will show the results. Things are changed completely with brightness and Light the effect now instead of the dingy dark walls as they were. The fine oak pews have been brought out from under the balconies to the center and a center aisle welcomes us as we step inside the main doors. Two fire exits have been provided. Our hearts are warm and happy over these great changes in our church.

Sincerely,

*Les*

